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SUBJECT: SEVENTH SESSION WMO COMMISSION FOR MARINE METEOROLOGY
(CMM): STATES AT MID-SESSION

1. AT END OF FIRST WEEK, CMM HAS COMPLETED COMMITTEE REVIEW
OF ALL SUBSTANTIVE ITEMS. 57 DELEGATES FROM 33 MEMBERS ARE
PARTICIPATING, WITH 7 INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTED.

2. NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF BRAZIL, FRANCE, JAPAN,
TANZANIA, YUGOSLAVIA AND USA MET DECEMBER 6. USA ELECTED
CHAIRMAN. USSR HAS APPROACHED USDEL FOR SUPPORT DR. K. P.
VASILEV (USSR) AS CURRENT PRESIDENT (DRURY, BELGIUM) WILL NOT
STAND FOR RE-ELECTION. UK IS PROPOSING T. THOMPSON (SWEDEN).
INFORMAL VIEW AMONG DELEGATIONS IS TO SUPPORT CANDIDATE FROM
ACTIVE MARINE METEOROLOGICAL SERVICE FOR PRESIDENT AND EX-
PERIENCEC CMM MEMBER FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRY (PROBABLY
AFRICA) FOR VICE-PRESIDENT. DELEGATION FEELS THAT VASILEV
IS PERSONALLY WELL QUALIFIED. DELEGATION WOULD APPRECIATE
GUIDANCE ON HIS ACCEPTABILITY, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT WELL
KNOWN DIFFICULTIES SOVIETS HAVE IN SPEEDY COMMUNICATION
WITH OTHER MEMBERS AND WITH SECRETARIAT. DELEGATION
ALSO SEEKS GUIDANCE ON ACCEPTABILITY AS VICE PRESIDENT
OF QUALIFIED MEMBER FROM E AFRICAN COMMUNITY. LIFIGA
(TANZANIA) IS BEING CONSIDERED. ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD
DECEMBER 9.

3. REGARDING MEMBERSHIP OF WORKING GROUPS, DELEGATION
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HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT CHU (HONG KONG) NO LONGER AVAILABLE
AS CHAIRMAN OF WORKING GROUP ON MARINE CLIMATOLOGY.
DELEGATION REQUESTS AUTHORITY TO PROPOSE QUAYLE (USA)
AS CHAIRMAN.

4. EXTENSIVE DISCUSSION OF BEAUFORT SCALE OF WIND
FORCE AND THE CORRESPONDING EQUIVALENT WIND SPEED HAS
RESULTED IN PROPOSALS THAT ONLY ONE SCALE BE USED.
HURRICANE THRESHOLD OF 64 KNOTS WOULD BE MAINTAINED AS
DESIRED BY THE US. STRONG OBJECTION BY NETHERLANDS NOW
BEING DEBATED.

5. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT SECRETARIAT SET UP ARRAN-
GEMENTS FOR PROMPT COLLECTION OF SHIPS WEATHER LOGS
AT DESIGNATED FGGE DATA MANAGEMENT CENTERS IN ORDER TO
MAXIMIZE DATA SOURCES OVER OCEAN AREAS. SESSION HAS
ALSO AGREED COMMITTEE LEVEL TO ALL US SUPPORTED
IGOSS ITEMS, INCLUDING APPROVAL OF THE MARINE ENVIRON-
MENTAL INFORMATION (MEDI) REFERRAL SYSTEM.

6. COMMISSION NOW SEEMS PREPARED TO ACCELERATE PUBLIC-
TION OF THE GUIDE FOR MARINE METEOROLOGICAL SERVICES,
IN PREPARATION FOR 6 YEARS. MINOR AMENDMENTS WILL BE
COLLECTED AT THIS SESSION AND INCORPORATED IN REVISED
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